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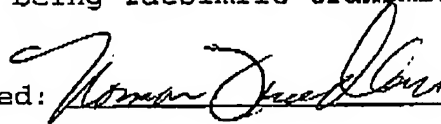
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In re application of

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Examiner: RIVERA, WILLIAM ARAUZ

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Docket No.: N1080

Title: LINE TENSIONING AND COUPLING DEVICE

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2004, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

This amendment is being timely filed.

A drawing amendment with the Examiner's approval is included with this amendment.